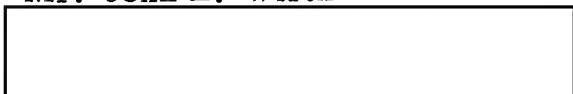


1 June 1973

Mr. John L. Wirth



Dear Mr. Wirth:

We have now reviewed the National Intelligence Surveys concerning Southeast Asia. They are classified and they amount in volume to several linear feet. In view of this and consistent with the Executive Order and the National Security Council Directive review for declassification is clearly impractical. We of course cannot determine the extent to which these works would be useful to you but based on your correspondence with us, we believe there is some material in these Surveys which would interest you. In these circumstances, I think the practical way in which we can be helpful is to make the Surveys available to you for research purposes under the provisions of Section 12 of the Executive Order and paragraph B, Section VI of the implementing National Security Council Directive. I attach copies of both for your information. I also attach copies of the forms you should complete and return to me. We will process them promptly so that a decision can be made on granting you access.

Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

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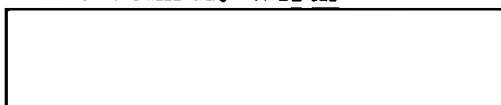


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Mr. John L. Wirth



Dear Mr. Wirth:

As noted in our letter of 1 May 1973, we have reviewed the National Intelligence Surveys dealing with China, Indochina and the Philippines. We found little in these documents pertinent to your request. In any event, the documents in question are classified and, inasmuch as they were published before 1 July 1972, are not subject to automatic declassification.

Each of these documents does contain an unclassified bibliography. Although you are probably aware of the items contained in these bibliographies, we are forwarding copies of such for your information. In addition, the HRAF series has been published in unclassified form by the Department of the Army and is available from the Government Printing Office. The pertinent documents are:

DA Pam 550-50, Area Handbook for the Khmer Republic (Cambodia). GPO price \$4.10, domestic postage paid.

DA Pam 550-55, Area Handbook for South Vietnam. GPO price \$1.75.

DA Pam 550-57, Area Handbook for North Vietnam. GPO price \$2.50.

DA Pam 550-58, Area Handbook for Laos. GPO price \$2.00.

I hope this information may be of use to you.

Sincerely,

Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

Attachments

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